# GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

## Black Hills Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:56

Commission Meeting Dates: Public Hearing January 10, 2013 Ft. Pierre Finalization January 10-11, 2013 Ft. Pierre

### **COMMISSION PROPOPSAL**

Season Dates: September 1 – December 31, 2013

Open Area: Unit 1: Pennington County west of Highway 79,

except Mount Rushmore National Memorial

Unit 2: Custer County west of Highway 79, except

Custer State Park, Wind Cave National Park, and Jewel Cave National Park

Licenses: Unit 1: 1 "any bighorn sheep" license

Unit 2: 1 "any bighorn sheep" license

One (1) auction "any bighorn sheep" license valid

in both Units 1 and 2

#### Requirements and Restrictions:

- 1. All licensees are required to attend an orientation meeting prior to the opening day of the season at the regional office in Rapid City.
- 2. Application for a license may be made by any resident hunter who has not been previously issued a bighorn sheep license in South Dakota.
- 3. Hunters can only apply for one of the two Black Hills Bighorn Sheep units.
- 4. Land operator preference is not applicable to these licenses.
- 5. All successful hunters must submit their bighorn sheep to a conservation officer or Department representative for inspection and permanent marking within 24 hours after the kill.

#### Recommended changes from last year:

1. Pending approval of auction license rules by the Interim Rules Review Committee: One "any bighorn sheep" license will be sold by auction and would be valid in Unit 1 and Unit 2.

#### SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

	Licensed	Rams	Ewes
Year	Hunters	Harvested	Harvested
2008	5	5	0
2009	5	5	0
2010	5	5	0
2011	3	3	0
2012	2	2	0

